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The Burlingame Buzz

Economic Development for Burlingame

There has been a lot of concern from the residents and business owners regarding the condition of businesses in the community. Over the past six months several businesses have either closed their business or relocated them to other areas in hopes of better business.

A group of concerned citizens has formed a group under the Chamber of Commerce to discuss the issues and find possi-

ble solutions to encourage business development in this community.

This group will be looking at many different items that affect businesses in the community. The group may begin working with the State to conduct a survey of existing businesses to look at possible expansion of existing business in the area.

The City will also be looking at items directly under our control including comparing our utility



Shopping local whenever possible helps maintain businesses in the community and can help attract new businesses to the area.

rates to other cities, possibly updating our zoning regulations, and creating incentives for upgrading buildings in the downtown area.

February Meetings

- February 7—City Council @ 7:00pm
- February 9—Planning Commission @ 7:00pm
- February 21—City Council @ 7:00pm

Administrator's Activities

Staff will begin with earnest in developing the budget for 2006. While we are just barely into 2005, due to budget deadlines we must begin thinking about 2006 activities now. On March 21st we will have a meeting with the council to determine goals for 2006.

Staff is also continuing to work on projects and equipment purchases for 2005. Most of the equipment purchases are complete. Project wise, we are well into construction on Fast Subdivision and should begin working on the railroad property within the next couple of

weeks. This project will take longer due to the necessary clearing of the rights-of-way first.

Bids will be sent out in the near future for the much anticipated Phase 1 water project.

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Where Rail Crosses Trail.

The City of Burlingame will be creating a newsletter each month. They will be posted on our web site and available at the front desk of City Hall. Stop by and pick one up starting on the first business day of each month.

There will be several construction projects going on around town during the next month. Check out the City's web site to get period updates on the status of the projects. Look for future newsletters where we will be talking about e-mail notifications, construction projects, utility conservation tips and other great information about your community.

If you have any questions, comments, suggestions or concerns don't hesitate to stop by City Hall and talk with the City Administrator, Kurt Hessler, or contact the Mayor or one of your Council Members.

Elections



City elections will be on April 5, 2005 at the Library and the Masonic Lodge

On April 5th the residents of Burlingame will be asked to go to the polls once again to elect representatives for the positions of Mayor and Council Members.

The mayor position is up for election every two years. This year Raymond Hovestadt and Bill Kraus have submitted applications.

Also in this election there will be two open council member seats up for election. All council member positions are elected at-large. This means that all five people that sit on the council represent the city as a whole and not one particular

district.

There are two open positions and Bill Croucher, Kevin Fry, and Dustin Swander have submitted applications to run for these positions.

The Chamber of Commerce will hold a debate at the Historical Society Annex on the northwest corner of Dacotah and Fremont. The date will be determined, so watch around town for information. The public is invited and encouraged to attend to get to know the candidates and ask a question or two that you would like to have answered.

The new mayor and council members will take their seats on April 18th.

If you have moved or changed your name since the last election you will need to re-registered. You can do that by stopping in at City Hall for the form or go to the County Clerk's office in Lyndon. If you have questions about your registration please contact the County Clerk at 785-828-4812.

If you have any questions about the process, registration, or where you should go to vote, please stop in or call city hall and we would be happy to help you with your questions.